

Badger Class Newsletter:

5th December 2025



Its December already and we have lots of exciting Christmas-y things to look forward to!

As ever, please support us in getting your child in to school promptly at **8.45am**. Learning starts at 8:45am with either maths (High Five) or SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar).

Homework:

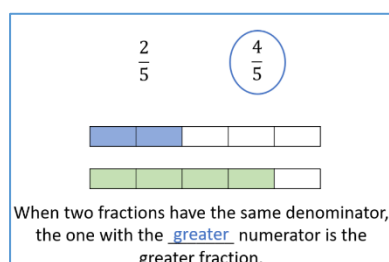
A reminder of our homework expectations: **15 minutes of TTRS a week and 10 minutes of reading every day** (this includes you reading to your child as well as them reading to you). Of course, children can always do more of both!

Please encourage your child to complete their homework each week – it is so important and makes all the difference to their progress and achievement. **This week, only 33% of children completed their AR minutes and only 52% have completed their TTRS minutes.**

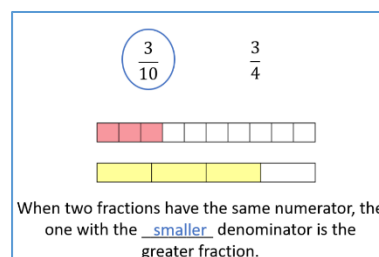
Learning this week:

In English – we have been writing our own Journey Tales based on the part of Shackleton’s Journey where he and 5 of his men travel to South Georgia. Sailing hundreds of miles on a life boat called the *James Caird*, they are seeking help to rescue for the rest of the men, who have been left on Elephant Island. We tried to remember to use long and short sentences (for dramatic effect) and start our sentence with adverbials of time, for example, *A few hours later*.

In maths, we are continuing to learn about fractions – using our times table knowledge to convert from mixed numbers to improper fractions and from improper fractions back to mixed numbers! We have also been comparing fractions. We found out that:



but...



In DT, we have been working hard turning our t-shirts into tote bags. We have cut off the sleeves and learned how to create a seam using back stitch.

In Geography, we have had fun going on virtual tours of some of the research bases on Antarctica. We were thinking about what it is like to live there and how similar or different it is to living in the UK.

This week, we also made Christmas cards using pieces of left over wall paper! By cutting strips of different lengths, the children created Christmas trees, complete with a star on top! It was a simple design but very effective.

Class Notices:

TTRS reminder: please can children remember to complete their minutes BEFORE 8:15 am on a Friday morning as this is when Mrs Davidson logs on to check. Any minutes after this will not count.

Mobile phones: We have been made aware that some children are bringing their mobile phones into school. Please remind your child to switch them off, and hand them to the class teacher for safe keeping throughout the day. They will be kept in a locked drawer in our desk.

Badger class webpage:

Please check our webpage for photos of our learning, previous newsletters and other useful information:

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
08.12.25	Last day for donations to the Sugar Appeal
10.12.25	Poet visit - Ash Dickinson
11.12.25	Young Carers Afternoon
12.12.25	FOHS Christmas shopping event
15.12.25	Whole School Panto Trip
17.12.25	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
19.12.25	Christmas Party with James D Christmas songs/carols on the playground 3pm
19.12.25`	Break up for Christmas holiday
05.01.26	Staff INSET
06.01.26	Children return to school

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the Badger Class email; we aim to respond to all emails within 3 working days.

Kind regards
Mrs Davidson and Mrs Turner